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Lundberg, Eric K

From: Lundberg, Eric K
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 10:23 AM
To: Wendell, Daniel R; Urban, Carol; Sandberg, Eric
Cc: Tiernan, Michael P; Cypher-Erickson, Dorothea M
Subject: RE: Request SonntagsBlick

Likewise, [redacted] just phoned me from the Defense Department's policy office. He reported that Swiss Military Intelligence, SwissCoy, and SND had all been contacted and no one had anything on this. He said they checked rather thoroughly. There are two MI slots within SwissCoy, but there was nothing they had reported that gave credence to the SonntagsBlick article.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wendell, Daniel R
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 10:04 AM
To: Urban, Carol; Sandberg, Eric
Cc: Tiernan, Michael P; Cypher-Erickson, Dorothea M; Lundberg, Eric K
Subject: RE: Request SonntagsBlick

As an add-on, I just spoke with [redacted] who speculated that the SonntagsBlick's editorial staff is likely "frantic" at the moment looking for stories--out of concern for the Swiss Govt. inquiries, et. al. Some good news to start your Friday with.

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Dan

From: Urban, Carol
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 10:01 AM
To: Wendell, Daniel R; Sandberg, Eric
Cc: Tiernan, Michael P; Cypher-Erickson, Dorothea M; Lundberg, Eric K
Subject: RE: Request SonntagsBlick

All:
Yesterday I advised [redacted] of SonntagsBlick's request. This morning, he told me that the DFA's press office was already aware that SonntagsBlick was after this story. Also, the press office had checked w/ the Defense Dept., w/ Swiss military in Kosovo and w/ DFA's Europe Div. -- and there is "no trace" of the supposed incident.
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 4:20 PM
To: Wendell, Daniel R
Subject: Request SonntagsBlick
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Dear Mr. Wendell

Unfortunately, we have an other request.

In the next issue of "SonntagsBlick" we will publish an article dealing with the following subject:
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: CHARLES L DARIS
DATE/CASE ID: 05 MAY 2009 200706444

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Two co-workers of the Swiss military intelligence news service MND who are currently stationed in Kosovo for Swisscoy had the job to look for secret CIA-prisons in the region. They were especially looking at a farm in the region Vitina.

Reasons for their search:

1) the fax (classified as top secret) that the Egyptian Foreign Ministry has sent to its embassy in London, and

2) several accusations made by the organisation Human Rights Watch.

The two officers were hindered by local officials (us-citizens) while doing their job in Vitina. And could only take up their job again after the intervention of (among others) Switzerland's Federal Departement of Foreign Affairs.

Regarding this incident we would to know:

- Did your embassy in berne was informed about this swiss mission?
- Why did the us-troops hindered the swiss military persons?
- What was the reason for arrest the swiss guys?

Thank you very much for a statement - if it's possible till friday at 12 am, because it's our deadline for publishing.

Yours sincerely,

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